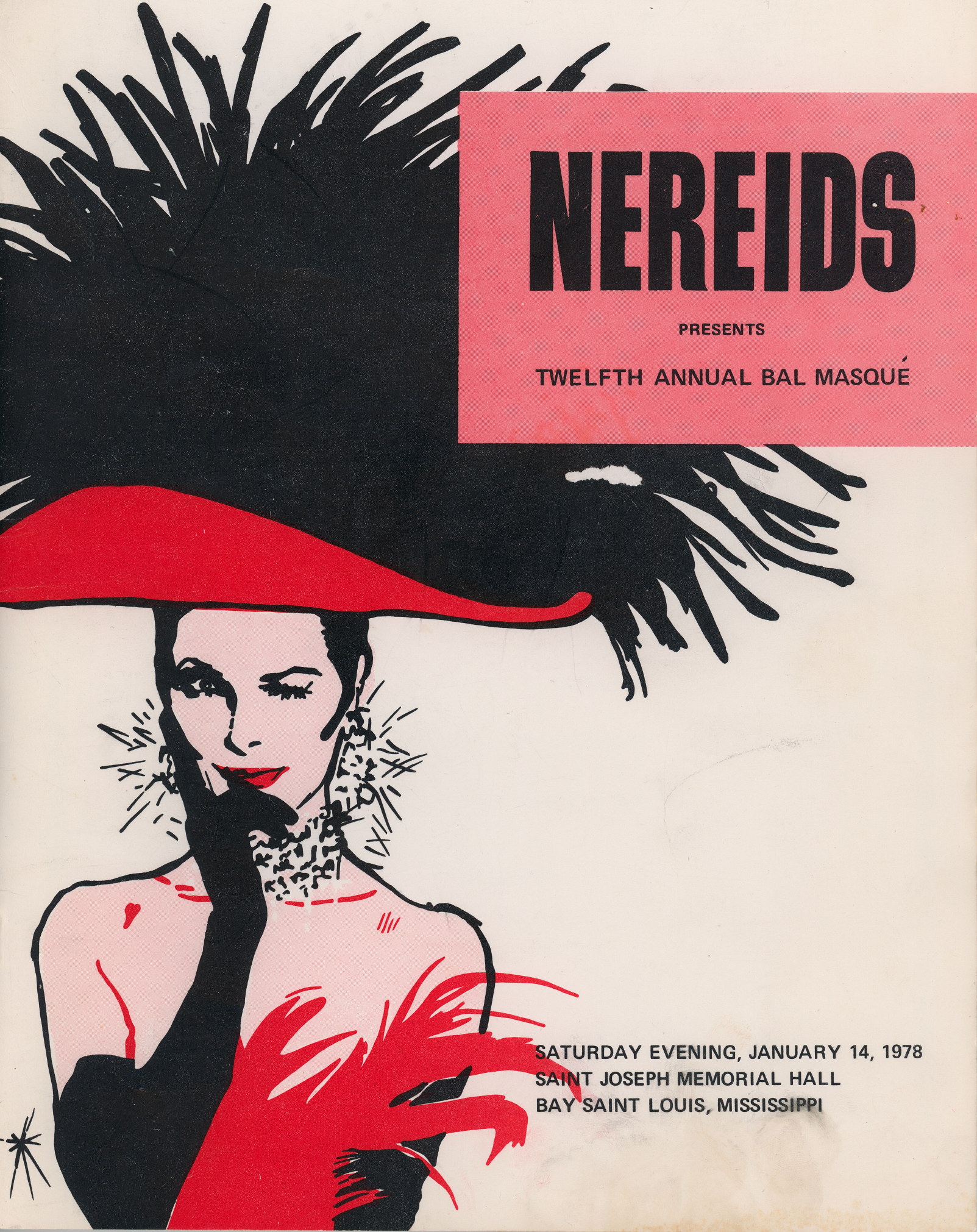


NEREIDS

PRESENTS

TWELFTH ANNUAL BAL MASQUÉ

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 14, 1978
SAINT JOSEPH MEMORIAL HALL
BAY SAINT LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI

The Royal Court of
1978
King Nereus XII

Dukes
To His Majesty

MR. DONALD A. CASERTA

MR. WILLIAM J. BOURGEOIS, JR.

MR. GERALD C. GEX

MR. DONALD M. FAVRE

MR. G. LYNN McGEHEE

MR. LARRY E. BRELAND

Trainbearers
To Her Majesty

MISS KRISTY LEE KIDD

MISS JODI WALLIS TRICHE

MISS EMILY ELIZABETH DAVENPORT

MASTER CHRISTOPHER JARROD ARTIGUES

Ooh La L

The KREWE OF NEREIDS . . . brings to life the excitement of TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY PARIS . . .

AH, PARIS! . . . City of LOVE . . . ENCHANTMENT . . . BEAUTY . . . . . A City of ROGUES AND LOVERS . . . ARISTOCRATS and STREET VENDORS . .

The EIFFEL TOWER reaches to the sky . . . SACRÉ-COEUR towers on a hill . . . the art treasures of the LOUVRE . . . the ARC DE TRIOMPHE . . . landmarks all!

But there is more to PARIS - for at night it is the LIDO . . . the FOLLIES BERGÈRES . . . . . CASINO DE PAREE . . . MOULIN ROUGE. It's - bright lights and the soft music . . . it's WINE . . . WOMEN . . . and SONG.

Then the third face of the CITY OF ROMANCE . . . the FLOWER VENDOR . . . the GENDARMES . . . . . the FASHION MODEL . . . the STUDENT . . . . . the PEASANT.

Yes . . . THAT'S PARIS - and yet it's even more . . . much more. It's gaiety and laughter; warmth and romance; fascination and fact; color . . . music . . . ! ! !

"OOH LA LA, PAREE!"

As our tableau unfolds . . .

A. The Captain's whistle officially opens the 12th Annual Bal Masqué . . . before we welcome . . .
B. The Royal Court of 1977, recalling our 11th Carnival Ball . . . "STATE FAIR".
C. Behold the lighting of the CREST OF NEREIDS, as a prelude to our unique celebration . . .
D. Come . . . NEREIDS invites you to . . . GAY PAREE! . . .
E. The setting is "A PARISIAN STREET SCENE" . . . as our Narrator tells about . . .
F. The PEOPLE OF PARIS . . . as they prepare for BASTILLE DAY . . .
G. Welcome the perennial . . . AMERICAN TOURIST . . .
H. All are portrayed by the . . . Krewe Members of Nereids . . .

La, Paree !

I. Our OFFICERS stroll the Avenue as they await the arrival of . . .

J. The "CAPTAIN OF NEREIDS" . . . as the premiere coutourière of all the salons of PARIS FASHIONS . . .

K. Who bids you welcome to her . . .

L. Magnificent "SALON D'ÉLÉGANCE" . . . a royal house of fashion . . .

M. The MAIDS OF THE 1978 ROYAL COURT . . . portray famous MODELS from renowned PARISIAN DESIGNERS . . .

"JEANMARIE" . . . modeling a creation by "Madame Simon"

"MICHELLE" . . . modeling a creation by "Madame Boucherie"

"SIMONE" . . . modeling a creation by "Monsieur Vidal"

"NICOLE" . . . modeling a creation by "Monsieur Bernier Laffon"

"EUGENIE" . . . modeling a creation by "Monsieur Perineau"

"CLAUDETTE" . . . modeling a creation by "Madame Jeanvier"

N. Hail QUEEN DORIS XII, personifying the . . . "QUEEN OF PARISIAN FASHIONS".

O. Her ROYAL MAJESTY now calls for . . .

P. The OFFICERS OF THE KREWE to escort the DUKES OF NEREIDS to her lovely MAIDS . . . so that, together, the COURT may await the regal arrival of . . .

Q. KING NEREUS XII . . . who bids that his subjects enjoy with him the colorful celebration.

R. HONORED GUESTS are received . . . and then . . .

S. The ROYAL COURT parades in PARISIAN PAGEANTRY . . . before . . .

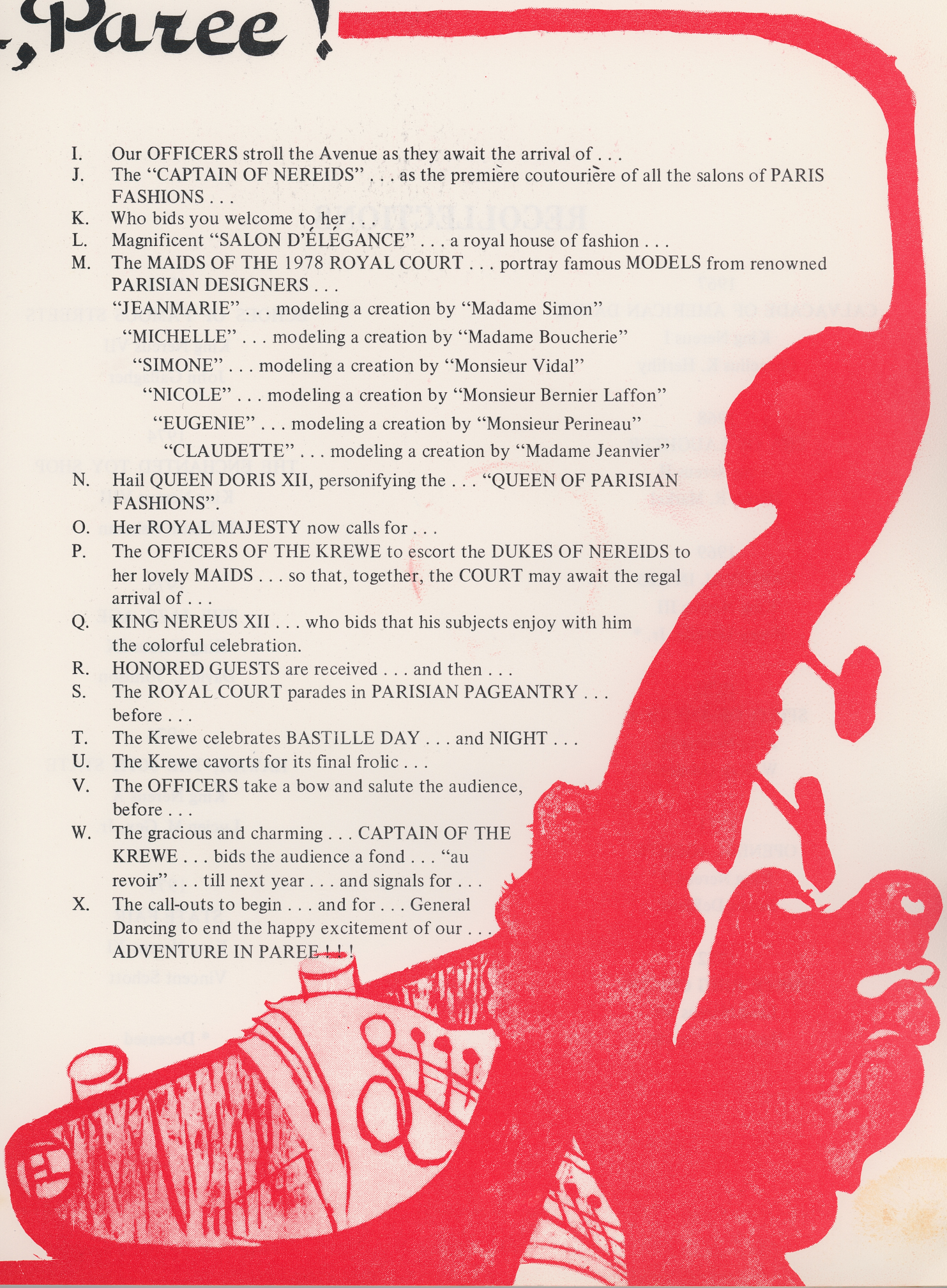
T. The Krewe celebrates BASTILLE DAY . . . and NIGHT . . .

U. The Krewe cavorts for its final frolic . . .

V. The OFFICERS take a bow and salute the audience, before . . .

W. The gracious and charming . . . CAPTAIN OF THE KREWE . . . bids the audience a fond . . . "au revoir" . . . till next year . . . and signals for . . .

X. The call-outs to begin . . . and for . . . General Dancing to end the happy excitement of our . . . ADVENTURE IN PAREE ! ! !



RECOLLECTIONS

1967
CALVACADE OF AMERICAN DANCE
King Nereus I
Cornelius K. Herlihy

1968
ERA OF LAUGHTER
King Nereus II
Merlin R. Markel

1969
CARNIVAL IN RIO
King Nereus III
Henry Develle, Jr. *

1970
SPIRIT OF AMERICA
King Nereus IV
W. Ray Gordon *

1971
OPENING NIGHTS
King Nereus V
James DeBlanc

1972
THREE RING CIRCUS
King Nereus VI
Haskell L. Doyle

1973
ECHOES OF FAMOUS STREETS
King Nereus VII
John Gallagher

1974
THE ENCHANTED TOY SHOP
King Nereus VIII
T. Dixon Ashman

1975
THE JAZZ AGE
King Nereus IX
David L. Johnson

1976
HAWAII, THE 50TH STATE
King Nereus X
Lucien M. Gex, Jr.

1977
STATE FAIR
King Nereus XI
Vincent Schott

* Deceased

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